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Between A Pair Of Interconnected Members

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Sir:

Responsive to the "Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due" mailed July 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 22 as follows.

22. (Currently Amended) The tightening arrangement of claim 21, wherein the mounting member includes and an opening, and wherein the engagement member moves through the opening in the mounting member into engagement with the hitch receiver.

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